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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)	ORDER SUSPENDING
OF MONTAGUE SEWER COMPANY FOR)	INCREASES, CHANGES
AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR SEWER)	OR ALTERATIONS IN
SERVICE)	RATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR05121056

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 19, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Montague Sewer Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and serving approximately 232 sewer customers all within Montague Township, filed a petition for a revision of its rates, amounting to an increase of approximately \$129,237, or 90.44%, in annual revenues, with rates proposed to become effective on January 9, 2006. Said effective date does not provide the statutory 30 day time period as prescribed in N.J.S.A. 48:2-21. Based on N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the effective date for these rates would be January 19, 2006.

By letter dated December 28, 2005, Petitioner has advised the Board that Montague Sewer Company will not unilaterally increase its rates on January 9, 2006, the proposed effective date of its rate increase, until the issuance of a Board Suspension Order, if any. By letter dated January 18, 2006, Petitioner further stated that Petitioner would "await the Board's Suspension Order which we anticipate on February 1, 2006." Finally, the Petitioner does not seek interim relief pending final determination on said petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until May 19, 2006, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;

2. Petitioner shall at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice

provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

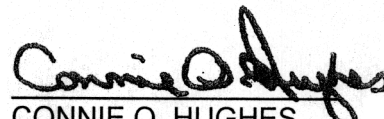
3. Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 2/2/06

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


JEANNE M. FOX
PRESIDENT


FREDERICK F. BUTLER
COMMISSIONER

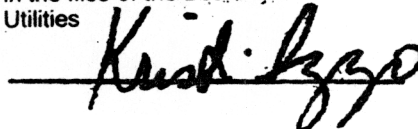

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KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

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